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LABORERS 690 PRESS PLANS FOR YULE FETE

Arrangements for a Christmas party for members and their families on Saturday evening, Dec. 19, are being speeded by Monterey Laborers Union 690, according to Secretary George E. Jenkins, who said the party will be in the Monterey Labor Temple, 320 Hoffman Street.

Candy, fruit and nuts will be distributed to the youngsters by Santa Claus. Two acts of professional entertainment will be offered and films will be shown to entertain the youngsters. The party is expected to attract some 500 children and will be conducted much as was the successful Easter party of the union early this year.

At the union's meeting last week, members voted to distribute turkeys among the membership at the next meeting, Wednesday night, Dec. 9, Jenkins added. Full attendance is expected at the coming meeting.

Wage claim filed by Local 690 against Contractor Jake Huezenza will be heard by Deputy Labor Commissioner Eugene J. Barry next Tuesday.

Salinas Highway Funds Allocated

Funds for completion of Highway 101 Freeway, by-passing Salinas, were set aside by the State last week, according to reports. Call for bids and award of contract will require several months, however.

Officials of Laborers Union 272 of Salinas said the project is from East Alisal Street to Hartnell Road. Present work on the freeway is progressing well under direction of Keeble & Caputo, San Jose contractors.

Work is to be started shortly on five new homes in Laurel Park No. 2, with Goheen Construction Co. as builder, the union reported. Bridge work in the Hollister area is nearing completion.

Monterey Council Has Routine Meet

Business of the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council at its first meeting this month was chiefly routine, including the regular reports of unions, according to Russell S. Hansen, council secretary.

Labor disputes involving Contractor M. J. Murphy and Plaza Fuel & Supply Co. were discussed. Views from unions regarding proposal that the council affiliate with the Chamber of Commerce were expressed, no action being taken.

Barbers Union 896 told the council how television is enjoyed at meetings through courtesy of a local firm. Other unions reported on routine matters.

Farm Prices in Decline Third Consecutive Month

The Department of Agriculture reported that farmers received 2.3 per cent less for their products in mid-October than they received in mid-September. It was the third consecutive month that farm prices have declined. It put them 11½ per cent below a year ago.

Contributing to the price decline were lower prices for hogs and cattle. Despite Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Benson's repeated insistence that cattle prices have stabilized, they fell an average of 90 cents per 100 pounds between Sept. 15 and Oct. 15.

Extended Plan For Carpenter Benefits Slated

Because of favorable financial condition of the Carpenters Health and Welfare Trust Fund, trustees of the fund have authorized a change in eligibility rules to provide, under certain conditions, that a carpenter and his dependents may remain insured for a period up to six months even though not working at the trade during the period.

This was announced in San Jose last week by F. C. Jorgensen, a trustee for the welfare program, who added that an official announcement is to be made to all unions by next week.

Harvey B. Baldwin, business agent of Salinas Carpenters Union 925, explained that this means that a member who has a total of 600 hours of work during the months of August, 1953, through January, 1954, will be covered by the welfare plan through August, 1954, even though not working during the period of February through August.

Workers who put in 300 hours in August, September and October of this year are covered by benefits during December, January and February, even though unemployed in the latter three months, it was added. The present rule of 100 hours a month to qualify for the next month still stands for those who do not qualify otherwise for benefits.

All carpenters are urged to attend union meetings and be alert for the official announcement of this change in eligibility. Both Jorgensen and Baldwin pointed out that the change is not effective until announced officially by the welfare fund.

Carp. Agents At S.F. Meet

Four business agents of carpenter unions in Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties were called to San Francisco last week for a special conference on jurisdictional matters, the meeting conducted by international union officials.

Making the trip were Thomas Eide, business agent of Monterey Local 1323; Harvey B. Baldwin, business agent of Salinas Carpenters Union 925; Mike Craner, business agent of Watsonville Carpenters Union 771, and Sam Combs, business agent of Santa Cruz Local 829.

Anchovies

Despite the "light of the moon" which curtailed fishing by the Monterey fishing fleet last week, 15 tons of anchovies were deposited in one plant and provided some work for union fish cannery workers, according to union officials.

Show your dues are paid
Wear your union button.

Mont. Carpenters Join County BTC

Carpenters Union 1323 of Monterey has followed Salinas Carpenters Union 925 as a member of the Monterey County Building Trades Council, according to Dial H. Miles, secretary and business agent of the council.

Delegates from the Monterey local were to be seated at last week's meeting. The Salinas delegation was admitted at the Nov. 5 meeting.

Business at the Nov. 5 meeting included discussion of work under way at Camp Hunter Leggett, in the southern part of the county.

JOB REPORTING STARTS MONDAY FOR LOCAL 483

All members of Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Bartenders Union 483 of Monterey Peninsula will register their place of work with the union next week, in order that the union records may be kept up to date.

Secretary Robert Armstrong of Local 483 said job registration is compulsory for all members and that a full week has been set aside for the registration. Members must pay a special \$5 assessment if they fail to register, he added.

Registration will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6. Members register at the union headquarters, 315 Alvarado Street, on special forms which take only a few minutes to complete.

Poultry Talks Top Butchers S.F. Meetings

Officials of butcher unions with jurisdictions throughout the West Coast area attended three days of conferences in San Francisco last weekend, with Intl. Pres. Earl J. Jorgensen and Intl. Secy. Patrick E. Gorman as guests and speakers.

Executive meeting of the Western Federation of Butchers of California was held on Friday, a special continued session of the Tri-State Conference of Butchers (California, Oregon and Washington) was held on Saturday, and the Western Federation had its meeting on Sunday.

Problems in the poultry field were discussed at length, highlight of the convention. Steps were taken to get legislation to provide more inspection of poultry, to make the inspection more rigid, according to Earl A. Moorhead, executive secretary of Butchers Local 506 and vice president of the Western Federation.

Closing of butcher shops at 6 p.m., it was pointed out, is a health measure. Where shops are open longer hours and inspectors work only their regular day, improper inspection results. In cases of 24-hour butcher shops, adequate inspection would have to be on a 24-hour basis also.

The international officials gave reports on the national picture, noting that poultry workers in the Texas area get 85 cents an hour, in contrast to the \$1.75 per hour here, and adding that competition from lower salaried areas is a factor under study.

Oakland, Calif. (LPA)—The IAM Building Association has bought half of an Oakland block for a \$200,000 union office building, auditorium and parking lot.

Union Joins Cities to Urge State Accept Hearst Estate

Two Monterey union officials flew to Sacramento last week with Mayor Dan Searle of Monterey to join in petitions that the State Beaches and Parks Commission accept the "legendary and fabulous" San Simeon estate of William R. Hearst as a state memorial.

Mayor Searle carried with him official letters from the City of Monterey and the City of Pacific Grove to urge the state to accept the offer from Hearst heirs of the estate as a memorial to the late publisher.

Accompanying the mayor on the air trip were Robert Armstrong, secretary, and James Dunn, organizer, both of Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Bartenders Union 483 of Monterey.

The union officials pointed out that a state park and memorial at the old Hearst estate, located on State Highway No. 1, would attract hundreds of tourists each year and the entire Monterey Peninsula would gain.

"We believe this legendary and fabulous property, if opened to the public, could become one of the most outstanding tourist attractions in the West," Armstrong said.

Officials from various cities and numerous others have joined in petitioning the state to accept the offer of the estate.

Butcher Shop Holiday Hours Cause Dispute

Officials of Butchers Union 506 announced last week that a dispute with five butcher shop and market operators in Salinas who had kept open on Armistice Day in violation of signed union agreements has been settled.

The union contract forbids sale of meat in a union shop on holidays and other than the opening hours of 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Check of the Salinas area disclosed the contract violations. All shop and market operators have agreed to comply with the contract henceforth, according to Union Secy. Earl A. Moorhead.

Social Security Makes U.S. Stronger, Not Softer, Experts Agree

Harriman, N. Y. (LPA)—Social security, workmen's compensation and similar measures, instead of stifling initiative and making Americans softer, have made us "a stronger people," the American Assembly on Economic Security reported. The conferees included representatives of business, labor, government, insurance and welfare groups. They called for expansion of social security.

Carpenter Invents 'Easy' Lawn Mower, Plans New Industry

Sacramento (LPA)—An improved, free-rolling, lightweight electric lawnmower has been invented by Frank W. Jatunn of Carpenter's Local 586, who said it can be operated with one hand—no more effort than pushing a vacuum cleaner.

With financing under way, Jatunn said "if everything goes as planned, will have a new industry here in Sacramento that may require a large number of employees. The new mower's due to be on the market in time for next spring's early lawns."

Many Contests Due in Salinas Barber Election

First nominations were accepted by Barbers Union 827 of Salinas last week as the union started its annual elections and early nominations indicated that many offices will be contested, Secretary Jimmie Butler reported.

James Foster, union president, declined to seek reelection and four candidates for this post were named. Three are seeking the vice-presidency. Butler has no opposition thus far, he said.

Final nominations and election will be the same night, at the meeting of Tuesday, Dec. 15, and officers will be installed in January.

Nominations thus far include:

For President—Homer Coley, Albert Plopa, Herbert Ridgeway and Leon Smith.

For Vice-President—Louis Conine, Joe Barbera and Mel Hufhines.

For Recorder—Doss L. Hill.

For Secretary-Treasurer—Jimmie Butler.

For Guide—Virgil Hill, Ray Ferris, Nate Freeman and Paul Moore.

For Guardian—Guy Falvo.

Members of the union's Finance Committee and Labor Council delegates will be appointed by the new president in January.

Butler added that T. V. ("Red") Moore, popular member of Local 827, is home from the hospital and showing improvement after a long illness.

Salinas Xmas Party Planners Busy; No Report

Members of committees of the Monterey County Central Labor Union at Salinas are busy planning the Children's Christmas Party which the council will stage at Salinas High School Auditorium on Dec. 19, but no report had been issued by the committee last week.

Fund raising was reported progressing well and steps have been taken to procure the items which will fill stockings to be distributed by Santa Claus. No announcement had been made up to last Friday on plans for the show and entertainment, music, and other details of the party, now just four weeks away.

No Carpenter Jobs in Monterey

Warning was issued to union carpenters throughout the state last week by Thomas Eide, business agent of Monterey Carpenters Union 1323, that there is no work for carpenters in the Monterey area, despite reports of good employment.

Eide pointed out that several dozen of carpenters are idle in Monterey now, waiting for calls to work. No major projects are in the offing and no large-scale employment for carpenters is expected. Living costs are high and housing hard to find, he added.

Health Care For The Rich Only

(AFL Release)

New York City.—Al Hayes, president of the International Association of Machinists, said that there must be "marked improvements" in the distribution phase of medical service if the public is to receive the maximum benefits of doctors' skills.

UMW Journal Lauds Truman as 'An Old Corncob'

WASHINGTON (LPA)—"To try to pin a 'Commie' label on an old corn-cob like Truman, born and bred in the tradition of rough-and-tumble American partisan politics, is just a bit too slick."

That's the reaction of John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers to the Brownell charges against the former President in the White case. Decrying GOP efforts to "rake over the ashes" of the Truman regime, the UMW Journal, in an editorial in its Nov. 15 issue, said, "Whatever else he may have been or not been, we are confident Truman was and is a loyal American."

The editorial said the GOP was trying to cover up recent election losses, but the GOP Administration "hasn't much to sell in the way of a record, and last year's campaign promises still await fulfillment for the most part."

"Without a record to stand on, the public won't swallow publicity baloney no matter how it's fixed up. And we think that goes for the current efforts of the Administration strategists, led by Attorney General Brownell, who twice master-minded Tom Dewey to defeats for the presidency, to rake over the ashes of the Truman Administration and revive interest in yesterday's scandals."

U. S. Chamber Opposes \$1 Wage Minimum As Bad for Worker

Washington (LPA)—Raising the federal minimum wage to \$1 would be bad for the worker, the U. S. Chamber of Commerce said in its November Labor Relations Letter. Such a minimum "may damage many an employer's ability to make suitable adjustments in event of an economic recession," said the letter, and thus he'd have to fire workers.

Union Aims Are Included in 8-Point Program for U.S. Industrial Peace

Washington (LPA)—An eight-point formula for industrial peace, upholding much of the program for which labor has fought, is presented by the National Planning Association in the 12th and latest of its case studies into the relationship between management in various industries and unions in their fields.

The association, "a non-profit, non-political organization, established in 1934, devoted to planning by Americans in agriculture, business, labor and the professions," includes among its 42 officers and board members CIO President Reuther and Secretary-Treasurer Carey and, Presidents Al Hayes, AFL Machinists, and Arnold Zander, AFL State, County and Municipal Employees.

In its studies, it said, the following causes for industrial peace were found to be present:

"1. There is full acceptance by management of the collective bargaining process and of unionism as an institution. The company considers a strong union an asset in management."

"2. The union fully accepts private ownership and operation of the industry; it recognizes that the welfare of its members depends upon the successful operation of

In a speech at the 25th anniversary banquet of the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, Hayes said that two things are necessary to make proper medical care available to persons who now find it out of reach:

"First," he said, "medical care personnel and facilities should be organized as to permit their most efficient and economical utilization. That means group practice, and the more widespread use of auxiliary health workers to free physicians and surgeons from the less productive details of practice."

"Second, there should be a vast extension of the system of prepayment of medical care costs—and on a comprehensive service, rather than in indemnity, basis. In my mind, some system of national health insurance is the final answer to the question of payment of costs."

Hayes said these goals will not come easily or automatically because there is always resistance to change. The resistance to change, he added, is often undertaken in the "mistaken belief" that change will bring great harm.

"History holds little hope that we shall make progress without pain and struggle," the IAM president continued. "But history does hold the hope—the sure hope—that progress will come at last."

ICFTU Calls on UN To Set Up Fund for Underprivileged Lands

Brussels (LPA)—The International Confederation of Free Trade Unions has asked the United Nations General Assembly to set up immediately a special fund for grants-in-aid and low-interest loans to underdeveloped countries.

The ICFTU message said ICFTU is convinced enough governments are able to make contributions now on a scale large enough to start operation. At last year's session the UN assembly agreed on the need for such a fund, but action was postponed. ICFTU warned of "the dangerous impact of misery and hunger on world stability and peace."

the business.

"3. The union is strong, responsible and democratic."

"4. The company stays out of the union's internal affairs; it does not seek to alienate the workers' allegiance to their union."

"5. Mutual trust and confidence exist between the parties. There have been no serious ideological incompatibilities."

"6. Neither party in bargaining has adopted a legalistic approach to the solution of problems in the relationship."

"7. Negotiations are 'problem-centered'—more time is spent on day-to-day problems than in defining abstract principles."

"8. There is widespread union-management consultation and highly developed information-sharing."

In its newest report, a committee of 25 headed by Clinton S. Golden, director of Harvard University's trade union program, found that Atlanta, Ga., Steel Co. and Local 2401, CIO Steelworkers, have achieved industrial peace "by consistently settling issues on the basis of commonly held, traditional concepts of what is right and wrong in human relationships, rather than arguing over management's or union's rights or the principle of collective bargaining as such."



FIBBER MCGEE, HONORARY LETTER CARRIER—Fibber McGee, right, of the famous radio team of Fibber McGee and Molly, is shown receiving an honorary membership card in the National Association of Letter Carriers from Neal A. Herndon, vice-president of Angel City Branch No. 24, NALC. Molly beams her approval. Fibber served as a substitute letter carrier for eight months.

Machinists and Carpenters Meet On Jurisdiction

Washington (LPA)—Committees from the International Association of Machinists and the Carpenters held an all-day meeting Nov. 11, Armistice Day, on their jurisdictional differences.

A joint statement declared, "In a full day's session, the committees explored the jurisdictional issues that have been in dispute in the past. The committees are dedicated to reaching an agreement on all issues. They have agreed on procedures to be followed in the work of the committees and scheduled the next meetings for Dec. 16 and 17."

Speaking for the Carpenters are O. William Blaier, second vice-president; Raleigh Rajoppi and R. E. Roberts, members of the general executive board.

Representing the Machinists are Eric Peterson, secretary-treasurer, and Elmer E. Walker and Roy Siemiller, vice-presidents.

Consultants are the Rev. Dr. William J. KelTey of Catholic University, former chairman of the New York Labor Relations Board, and Prof. John Dunlop of the Littauer School of Public Administration, Harvard University.

At issue is the work performed by millwrights. The Carpenters say its millwrights should install and erect certain machinery. The Machinists, whose members now operate and maintain machinery, claims its members also install and erect such machinery.

Office Employees Win Holiday Pay On Election Days

Milwaukee, Wis.—Holiday pay for work done on gubernatorial and Presidential election days was provided for in an agreement signed with the Miller Brewing Co. by Office Employees Local 9. Union members working on those days will receive two and one-half times the regular rate of pay.

The pact also calls for an increase in shift differentials from 7 to 12 cents an hour, checkoff of union dues and initiation fees, and a broad health and welfare program including accident and sick disability benefits of \$45 a week for six weeks, with coverage beginning after sick-leave time has expired, and a comprehensive medical and hospital insurance plan.

Your obligation to your union doesn't end with the payment of dues. Attend meetings, take part in union affairs.

The job you save may be your own—buy union!

Must Kill the Fearsome Evil Of Mass Unemployment

Washington (LPA)—"The evils of mass unemployment have become intolerable and they must be overcome, not with statements of good intentions, but by practical plans that will force balance sheets to reflect human costs." So declared the current CIO Economic Outlook in an issue devoted to the guaranteed annual wage.

All the arguments now being used against the proposal "were being used only five years ago against our demands for pension clauses in union agreements," said the CIO.

Business spokesmen, in crying "impossible," said the CIO, "are again looking at cost, not human welfare. They forget or never knew the dreadful anxiety and the suffering that result from lay-offs and inability to find a job. To them, the measures of success are sales and profit figures."

The Outlook recalled that "from the start of the industrial revolution the workers, aided by humanitarian allies, have had to battle against the inhuman nature of modern industry, its callous unconcern with the people who serve its machines and buy its products. Stunted lives, maimed bodies, and ruined hopes have never appeared on corporate balance sheets."

Reciting the earlier battles against child labor, unsafe machines, the speed-up, unhealthy working conditions "and the entire approach of driving a man to the utmost and then dropping him on the scrap heap when his strength or usefulness was gone," the CIO said that in each case "we have been told that we were asking for the impossible, that we were going to ruin business, that we were interfering with the rights of management."

But the unions have proved, through the decades, that human needs can be met without any of these disastrous results, the CIO Outlook argued.

"Now the same struggle to force human needs to count in the balance sheet is focusing on a new area—steady jobs, and steady incomes," declared the Outlook.

Asserting that the time is ripe for action, the Outlook said the demand for the guaranteed wage today can be realized. "Much has been learned and accomplished since 1929, and the gigantic corporations in auto, steel and other industries who are confronted with our guaranteed wage demands are not the helpless playthings of uncontrollable forces."

The Outlook continued that "We know that right is on our side, that human needs and welfare must come foremost in judging a nation's way of doing things. We are trying to save business from itself, to improve the policies of American industry so it will not stumble blindly into the abyss of depression."

Survey Debunks Business Credit For Productivity

New York (LPA)—A productivity survey has demolished the claim of business that the high productivity of American workers is due to "the large amount of capital" back of each worker, in equipment and efficient production.

The survey was made by the Stanford Research Institute. It revealed what everyone knows—that American productivity is the highest in the world. But it also revealed that "where identical capital equipment was used in the United States and abroad . . . typically the foreign plant was found to employ two to three times as many employees as the American plant in attaining the same output."

In other words, given the same machines and the same methods, an American worker outproduces the European worker 3 to 1.

The SRI found that figuring U. S. worker productivity at 100, Canadian productivity is 80, Sweden 50, United Kingdom 50, Denmark and Norway 35, Belgium and Holland 32, Germany 32, The Saar 30, Italy 20 and Spain 15.

Basic measure of productivity was the average manufacturing value added per worker, expressed in U. S. dollars, obtained by taking the value of sales and deducting the cost of materials, supplies, fuel and purchased energy.

The years studied were 1947-48-50, with U. S. productivity increasing 2 to 3 per cent each of those years. The productivity rate in Western Europe went up about the same, except for Germany, which went from 15 per cent of the U. S. level in 1947 to 32 per cent in 1950.

95% of Contracts Give Paid Vacations

Washington (LPA)—Ninety-five per cent of the 1034 labor-management agreements included in a recent Labor Department survey provide for paid vacations, and about half of the 5,266,000 workers covered by these agreements were eligible for three or more weeks if they met specified service requirements.

A Democratic Congressman Reports—

The Achievement of the 83rd Congress: 2 Destructive Bills

The irresponsible Republican campaign promises of last fall are one thing; the administration's actual record since January of this year is another.

But there is still a third thing: the undeclared purpose of the GOP; that which did not appear in the party's platform but which is implicit in the public actions of certain key Republican legislators.

A brilliantly penetrating account of this last factor was given the Solano County Central Labor Council on October 30, by Rep. Robert Condon of the Sixth District.

Condon, who has, along with Rep. Jack Shelley of San Francisco, been one of the Democratic bulwarks against the anti-labor, anti-New Deal tide of the 83rd Congress, first paid the Council a singular tribute. He said, in effect, that he is now privileged to represent the people of Solano and Contra Costa counties in Washington "because you—and I mean the people here in this room and those you represent—determined that I should have a chance to do this."

"TREMENDOUS POWER"

Condon launched into his analysis by explaining what the change of administration has meant practically: that, with a Republican President and majority in Congress, all House and Senate committees have Republican majorities and chairmen, the committee leaders having "tremendous power" in that each is able to "control the activities of his committee." The Republicans have made ruthless use of this advantage.

There is nothing equivocal about the record of the 83rd Congress: "It has done less legislative-wise than any other Congress in the last 25 years." Its real achievement is contained in two bills, one weak and an admission of lack of program, the other a plain betrayal of the interests of the American people.

EXCESS PROFITS TAX

The enactment by Congress of a six-month extension of the excess profits tax, which was supposed to expire in July, was forced upon it. The bill was roundly denounced by the GOP's financial advisors. But the GOP opportunistically backed the bill because it did not dare allow a tax on Big Business to lapse before the change in the income tax.

THE BIG GIVE-AWAY

The other piece of legislation worthy of comment was the tidelands bill, which Condon described as a calculated assault against a principle as old as the Republic: that Federal lands belong to the whole people and not to the people of any one state or territory. The tidelands bill gave three states—California, Texas and Louisiana—the right to dispose of their oil-rich underwater coastal lands in any way they see fit.

And there the trouble starts, for Texas and Louisiana claim their tidal lands for three nautical leagues (about 10½ miles) because these lands were acquired from the Spanish government two centuries ago, while California is allowed a claim to only three miles of submarine coastal land. The use of the term "historical boundaries" in the language of the bill gives Texas and Louisiana their special claim, which, by the way, the Federal Government has always refused to recognize when advanced by the Republic of Mexico.

THE RESULTS

The first result, Condon said, is that the Halland (Tidelands) Bill will cause the "direct ruin" of an important part of the American fishing industry. Fishing companies have always caught their tuna within 10½ miles of the Mexican coast; but there will be no recourse if the Mexican Government, taking a leaf out of our book and arguing that their lands are also of Spanish origin, lay claim to their coastal waters for 10½ miles.

Louisiana's shrimp industry—one of the mainstays of that under-mechanized state—is in desperate danger.

THE PRINCIPLE

The most destructive aspect of the Halland Bill, however, is that it reversed a principle of administration dating back to immediately post-Revolutionary days, when it

was established that public lands belonged to the Federal Government, and that the Federal Government alone could dispose of them. This principle was established in the teeth of frenzied opposition by states whose boundaries adjoined newly acquired territories and who wanted to exploit them in their own interests.

The Federal Government, it is perfectly true, gave away thousands of acres, to homesteaders, schools (the University of California, for example, is known as a "land grant university"), and to the railroads as an inducement to connect the two ends of the continent. But the Government "always retained control of these public lands. The tidelands bill establishes a dangerous precedent. There is, for example, now no real reason for not allowing the State of Colorado the right to dispose of oil shale under some of its Federally-owned public lands.

MORE GIVE-AWAYS?

Condon told of another bill, a far more outrageous one, the Dewart Bill, which actually would have given to ranchers and stockmen the right "in perpetuity" to sole use Federally-owned grazing lands. Ranchers have never had more than permits to graze their stock on these public lands. But the Dewart Bill, which came dangerously close to being passed out of committee, would have given property belonging to the whole people to individual business interests.

Here is what the Administration has done in the light of what it takes to be the "popular mandate" of last November: withdrawn support to heart and cancer research programs; cut the Public Health Service to the bone; denied funds to the Bureau of Reclamation to the degree that the Bureau now is little more than an office in Washington (and despite Eisenhower's cruelly deceptive campaign promises to water-short western states.

Nothing has been done to "broaden social security," as promised by Eisenhower; nothing has been done to end racial and religious discrimination, as promised. The reciprocal trade agreements with Europe, the backbone of our mutual security treaties, have been deeply compromised by the appointment of a high-tariff Republican to the Commission.

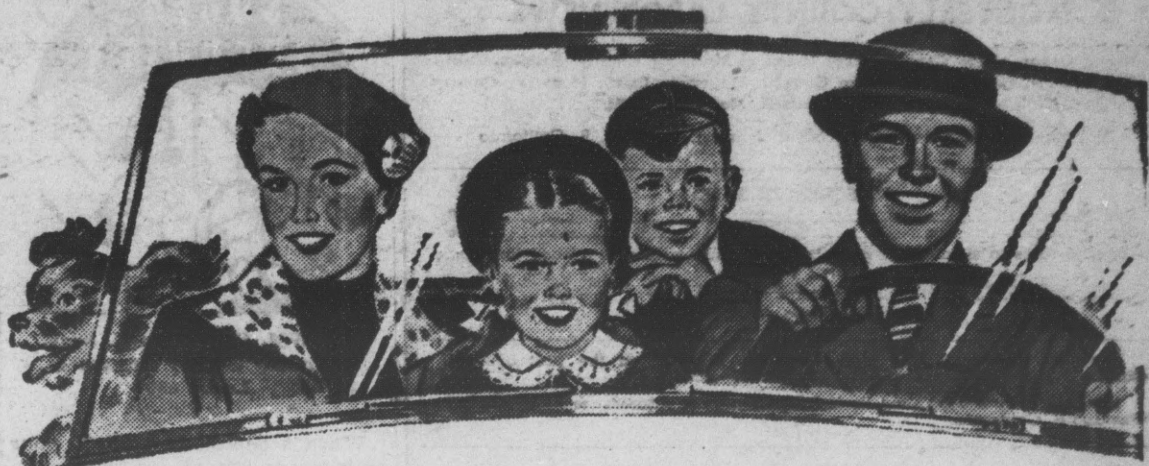
Condon summed up: it remained for Martin Durkin, a Democrat, a labor leader and representative of working people, to give the Republican Administration a lesson in public integrity by refusing to compromise with the President's failure to keep a promise solemnly given and honestly believed. "Martin Durkin," was the Congressman's tribute, "did a terribly brave, honest and conscientious thing when he resigned because of the broken pledge."

Secy. Weeks Asked About His 'Watchdog' In Labor Department

Cleveland (LPA)—A union president wants to know why Secretary of Commerce Weeks has put a "watchdog" in the Labor Department.

H. E. Gilbert, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, wrote to Weeks after learning that Weeks has assigned an aide, John L. Kilcullen Jr., to keep an eye on the Labor Department and see to it that business interests are protected in formation of labor policy.

"I cannot conceive that the Department of Commerce is undertaking to influence operations of another department," Gilbert wrote. "Nevertheless, the reports are so disquieting that I am obliged to seek clarification of your purpose."



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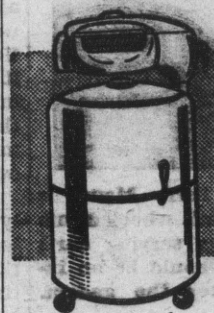
Canton, Ohio — Canton voters overwhelmingly rejected a proposal to levy a city income tax of one-half of one per cent. The vote was 22,000 against and 16,000 for.

Spearheading the opposition to the tax was the Canton Federation of Labor and the Stark Tri-County Building Trades Council. CFL President Walter Summers said the principal objection to the levy was the fact that whereas corporations would have had to pay the tax only on net profits, employees would have been subject to payroll deductions. He also pointed out that the proposed tax rate on a \$25-a-week clerk was the same as that on a \$2500-a-week executive.

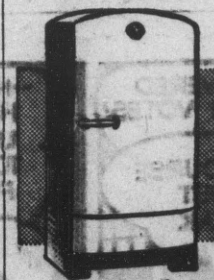
Honor Housewright

St. Louis (LPA)—Local 655, AFL Retail Clerks, presented a gold membership card to Vernon A. Housewright, who organized the local in 1933, was its secretary-treasurer until 1938 when he became a general organizer. From there he moved up until now, of course, he's the union's international president.

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The Price Skyrocket

Last November, Republican Presidential Candidate Eisenhower said in Boston:

"I pledge that the full resources of our new Administration will be thrown into the battle against inflation."

Well, Candidate Eisenhower became President Eisenhower last Jan. 20 and Big Business took over the most important posts of our national government. What has happened?

Every month since, the cost of living as measured by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, has risen.

Far from throwing the "full resources" of his Administration into the fight against inflation, the President hasn't even appointed a commission to study it—and that would seem to be the height of disinterest at the White House these days.

Workers and Farm Prices

Here are some of the reasons that it is important to working people in the city that the income of farmers should remain high.

According to the Department of Agriculture, the farmer spends more than 14 cents out of each dollar spent in retail stores. Farmers this year, figures show, will spend \$31.9 billion for goods and services.

Furniture workers, for instance, should know that farmers are spending \$2 billion a year for furniture and household goods.

The clothing worker may skip over the news of falling agriculture income, but farm families buy about \$1½ billion worth of clothes each year.

And so it goes. A kick in the farmers' economic teeth will jolt the workingman too.

How Not to Economize

The National Tuberculosis Association points out that the reduction of \$2,240,000 which Congress made in appropriations for the detection and control of tuberculosis means that much of the mobile X-ray equipment used for detecting new cases of TB can not be used because of lack of funds.

A total of 8½ million persons have been X-rayed with this equipment, and 56,000 cases of TB have been detected, of which approximately 50,000 were previously unknown.

The U. S. has come a long way in the fight against the disease because of public health funds. Are we now going to lose ground because of phony—and, often, stupid—"economies" made in Washington?

The T-H on T-H

The Times-Herald, Colonel (Chicago Tribune) McCormick's Washington mouthpiece, in an editorial on the Taft-Hartley Act, said: "The act should be rewritten to give greater protection to the public and to the rank and file of union members."

And how would the Times-Herald rewrite it?

Among other suggestions, the paper had this one:

"An employer's right to lock out employees should be made equal to the right of employees to go on strike."

Enough said.

Though the world contains many things which are thoroughly bad, the worst thing in it is society.—Schopenhauer.



By WM. G. KENYON, Secy.
Monterey County Teamsters,
Local 890

When a deposit is made in your savings account at the bank, you always check the bank book to make sure that you are receiving proper credit on your account. This is a good practice, to avoid costly mistakes.

It is also a good practice to check your social security account once a year, or at least every three or four years, to make sure you are receiving credit for all your earnings that can be credited to your social security account. Your employer may have failed to report your correct name or social security number. The Social Security Administration office in your area has free post cards which you can use to check on your record.

If you fail to check on your account, it may be costly to you or to your family. The payments you and your family will receive in the future will be based on the record of your covered earnings as they are reported to your social security account.

Make sure that the social security record of your earnings is correct. Your account with the Federal Government is as important as your bank account, because it means dollars and cents to you and your family in your old age, and to your family in case of your death at any age.

For further information on these or other points regarding your Social Security, get in touch with the Social Security field office located at the address below.

Your Security Office is at 196 San Augustine St., San Jose 10. Phone OYpress 2-2480.



NEW USE—If Terry Moore is an example of what's wheeled into the living room on serving carts these days, there should be an increased demand for the gadget. —(LPA).



Washington, D. C.

Undercover Men

This is an era of contradictions.

While the farmer's share of the food dollar has continued to fall, the price of food to the American housewife has continued to rise. As the producers received less and less, the profits of the food processing industry have risen steadily. For example, since last May the cost of the family food basket has increased \$18, but the farmer is getting \$7 less for those same items than he got in May.

When the Federal Trade Commission proposed an investigation of the strange relationship between falling farm prices and rising food costs to the housewives, the House of Representatives killed the proposal. When the matter came up before the Senate, 36 Republican Senators and nine Democrats went on record opposing any investigation of who gets your food dollar, and the combined vote of these 45 men stopped the FTC investigations.

Here are the names of those who voted to kill the proposal which would have given you the facts about high food prices: Barrett, Beall, Bennett, Bricker, Bridges, Bush, Butler, Capehart, Carlson, Case, Cooper, Cordon, Dirksen, Duff, Dworshak, Ferguson, Flanders, Goldwater, Griswold, Hendrickson, Hickenlooper, Ives, Jenner, Kuchel, McCarthy, Milliken, Mundt, Payne, Potter, Purtell, Saltonstall, Margaret Smith of Maine, Taft, Thyne, Watkins and Williams. Those 36 Republicans plus these nine Democrats: Byrd, Daniel, Ellender, Frear, Hoyer, Holland, Maybank, McClellan and Robertson.

Since they blocked the investigation of food prices and the profits of the food processing companies, the cost of living has gone up to an all-time high and farmers' incomes have dropped to the lowest point since World War II, with the farmers taking a loss of \$9 billion this year alone.

The Human Scrap Heap

By DR. J. C. GEIGER, Oakland City Health Officer

The span of life may be determined by many events and conditions such as disease, accident, and even violence, and should never be confused with ageing, per se. Moreover, one may be constitutionally but not chronologically old, thereby making ageing a biological anomaly. In other words, the human machine does not wear out like an automobile, for it can reproduce worn out cells, albeit sometimes not too well with normal efficiency.

When considering the aged in a community, one is confronted with the inevitable conviction that ageing is certain and that there is no promise of immortality. But if one is an optimist, positive hope for the future may be entertained not only for the aged, but for those disabled by disease or accident as well. Life-long usefulness for every citizen would be the goal.

The complexity of this task must not be underestimated, for every phase of the medical, social and recreational services of a community is involved. In other words, the need is for many types of service directed toward helping with necessary adjustment.

The problem may be summed up by mentioning what can be accomplished in chronic disease with proper therapy and rehabilitation. It is fully realized that there cannot be any great success in this work without the cooperation of the disabled persons themselves. What is most needed is re-training of the patient for return to his gainful occupation.

It has been forcibly stated as an axiom of good rehabilitation practice that an injured person's vocation should not be changed unless it is impossible for him to continue in the same field. This is probably the reason industries handle these matters so effectively within their own organization.

When one thinks of the physically handicapped, one is prone to observe only the post-polio cripple, the amputee, the paraplegic, and the cerebral palsied. There are, however, patients with medical

conditions not visually discernable, such as the diabetic, the tuberculous, the cariac, and the rheumatic who need new hope through care and education.

Rehabilitation is a human right and not charity or a special privilege. It is no trite saying that the men who try to do something and fail are infinitely better than those who try to do nothing and succeed. The physically handicapped should be treated as equals and not as special members of society. It is probably ill-advised to segregate these groups; it is best to integrate and in doing so the mental attitude of the handicapped will be definitely improved.

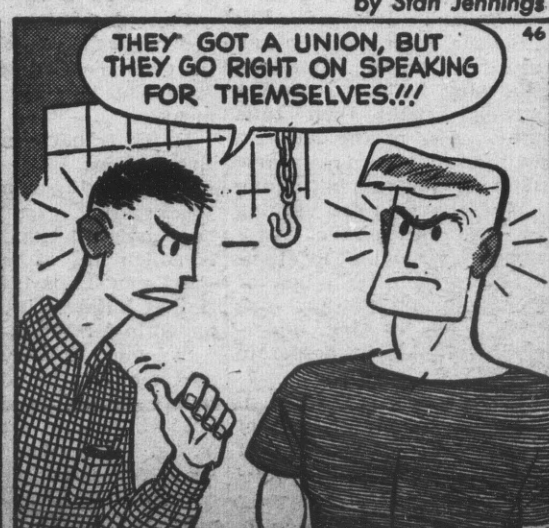
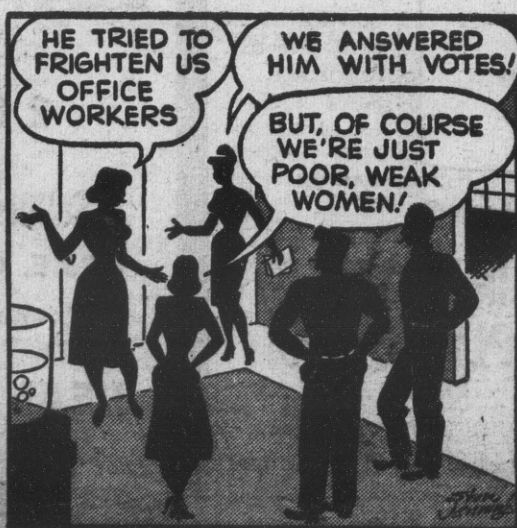
It is our hope that a rehabilitation center, second to none on the Pacific Coast, may soon be established in Oakland. Such a center, offering comprehensive services to all age groups in need of rehabilitation, would contribute much to the health and well-being of countless thousands and toward eliminating the "human scrap heap" in our fair city.

Profits Tax Doesn't Clip Steel Income

New York City—Despite the excess profits tax, which many business leaders claim is hurting industry, the United States Steel Corp. reported that its net income, after taxes and expenses, for the first nine months of 1953 increased \$51,000,000 over the figures for the same period of last year to a total of \$167,000,000.

Directors of the nation's largest steel producer declared the usual dividend of 75 cents a share on common stock.

"UNION MAID"—A Serial Story



by Stan Jennings

Put Health and Security First, Congress Asked

Washington (LPA)—Congress has been urged by the AFL to make improvement and expansion of Social Security its first order of business when it reconvenes in January.

"Our Social Security laws are in urgent need of improvement and expansion," the AFL Committee on Social Security said in a statement following a meeting here Nov. 12. "This task must not be further delayed or postponed, under the shopworn pretext of 'study' as was done in the first session of the 83rd Congress."

The Committee also said it was strongly opposed to any move in Congress to block the increase in Social Security taxes scheduled to go into effect in January.

"This so-called tax 'freeze' proposal," the Committee said, "has been erroneously described as a 'savings' for workers. The workers of America know better . . . To freeze the Social Security tax at its present rate would not be a savings for the workers, but a tax cut for employers, at the expense of the Social Security Trust Fund and of everyone whose present and future benefits are derived from that fund."

Stating that the health needs of the nation are "still urgent" and "do not evaporate and disappear with a change in political parties," the Committee called on Congress for immediate action on national health insurance, along with a program of federal aid to medical education and medical research and expansion of hospitals, clinics and other health facilities.

"This is not 'socialized medicine' but a logical extension of the established principle of social insurance," the committee said.

GOP Right Wing Glad of Defeats

There may be some Republicans of a faintly liberal turn of mind who are distressed by the Party's steady loss of popularity in the east and mid-west, as evidenced by off-year elections in Wisconsin, New York, New Jersey and Virginia.

But the Party's extreme right wing is just delighted. Reactionaries of the Col. Robert McCormick stripe are pleased as punch that the Eisenhower Administration is limping and worried over election defeats and the threat of more to come.

The anti-Ike group is said to be divided into two factions, one of which wants to form a new party, while the other wants to capture existing GOP machinery and use it toward its own ends. Both groups are agreed as to the proper candidate for 1956: Senator Joseph McCarthy (R., Wis.).

The chief supporter of the new party idea of Colonel McCormick, who has one of the most widely read (and unquestionably the worst) paper in the country at his disposal: the Chicago Tribune. McCormick had not much luck until a few months ago; but now, with the Eisenhower star in decline, the Colonel hopes to find sympathizers on the GOP right.

It seems likely at this writing that the coming session of Con-

gress—which may be a difficult one for the Administration—will increase the chances of a right-wing revolt; for forces are now so in equilibrium in the GOP it is not likely that the Party will come forward with a constructive program; and this will lose it votes and generally improve the position of the shoot-'em-down brigade.

74 Unionists Attend Education Course

Duluth, Miss. — Seventy-four trade unionists attended the first Duluth workers' education course sponsored jointly by the Federated Trades and Labor Assembly and the University of Minnesota extension division.

The course emphasized union administration, labor, history and parliamentary leadership.

If your Congressman makes you sore, Give the League a dollar for '54.

Sickness, Poverty, and Slums---GOP

Cleveland (LPA)—The "destructive selfishness and narrow-mindedness" of the Republican 83rd Congress "bids fair" to outdo that of the 80th Congress, President Walter P. Reuther told the Congress of Industrial Organizations Nov. 16 in his first convention report as president.

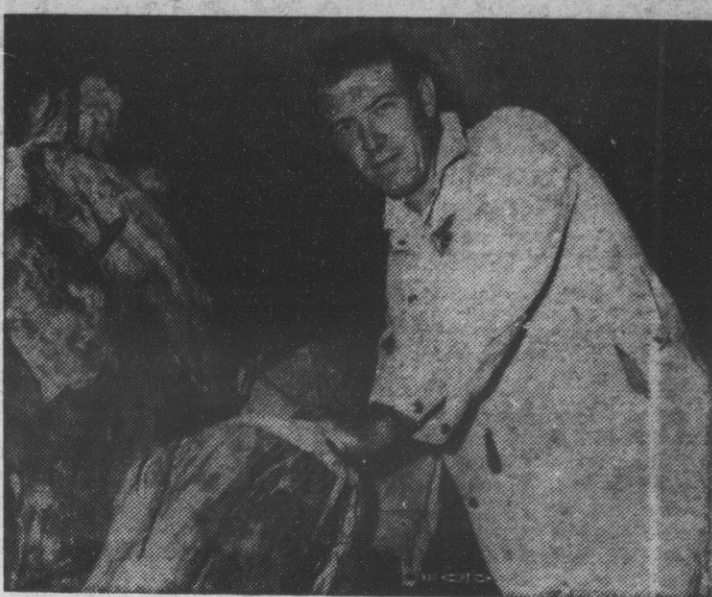
Reuther summarized the major drives that will be under way in the 1954 session of a Congress which can no longer continue "government by postponement" role of the past session. "The facts of economic and political life, combined with greedy pressure from business special-interest groups, are heading us toward major legislative decisions in 1954," Reuther warned.

The fields in which the undermining of the remains of the New Deal and Fair Deal will come he listed as: the sales tax "under the guise of a manufacturers' excise tax"; the Chamber of Commerce drive to revamp social security legislation to the detriment of the people; the AMA attack on the Veterans Administration and Public Health Service; the electric power lobby's attack on TVA and other public power projects; the housing lobby's campaign against slum clearance through public housing projects; the oil lobby's successful "give-away" of offshore oil, and the efforts of "factory farmers" and big ranchers to turn over national parks and grazing preserves "to special interests for private exploitation."

Of the oft-repeated claim of President Eisenhower that he has a "middle of the road administration," Reuther said most of the men are actually running the administration "would have difficulty recognizing the 'middle of the road.' They are, instead, driving their Cadillacs down the right-hand sidewalk—and the poor pedestrians are forced to scatter for safety."

Teamster Appointed

Sioux City, Ia. (LPA)—James J. Murphy, Teamsters business agent and former Iowa State Federation of Labor vice president, has been appointed by Governor Beardsley as AFL representative on the state employment security advisory committee.



BETTER LOOK TWICE—No, it's not Jimmy Stewart in a new movie with a labor angle. It's Perry Harter, AFL Teamster who drives a truck between Portland and Salem, Ore. He's a dead-ringer for the movie-star.—(LPA).

Small Business Feeling The Republican Recession

As the cold statistics of the first ten months of the Eisenhower administration begin to pile up, an additional reason for decreasing GOP popularity has been revealed.

Small businessmen are feeling the pinch.

There has been a marked increase in the number of small business failures since the Republicans took over last January.

Dun & Bradstreet reveal that the number of failures in the third quarter of 1953 was 28 per cent higher than during the corresponding period in 1952; and these failures were recorded among small and independent businesses. It has been noted too that 40 per cent of all American workers are employed by firms employing fewer than 100 employees.

Earlier this year the Senate Small Business Committee warned: "The long-range prospects of independent small business do not warrant unlimited optimism," and cited "an increase in . . . monopolistic pressures . . . denial of supplies, price squeezes, price discrimination and other predatory trade practices."

It has also come to light that most small businessmen (including many smaller scale contractors and builders) who have been to the bank for term loans since January have either been turned down or were lent less than they needed to carry on; and the interest rates were higher, some a half of one per cent but most a full one per cent. In addition to this, the Small Business Administration, which has replaced the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, was given only \$55 million for loans to small businessmen, none of whom may borrow more than \$150,000. SEM loans, too, will be at 6 per cent as compared to 5 per cent charged by the RFC. The Wall Street Journal described this phase thus: "Government money will be harder to get and more expensive for the loan-seeking small businessman."

All of this gives us some idea

why the Republican Party made such a poor showing recently in four mid-west and east coast elections. The administration, which is generally known to be by, for and of Big Business, has not been nearly so sympathetic to small business as the millions who "liked Ike" last fall thought it would.

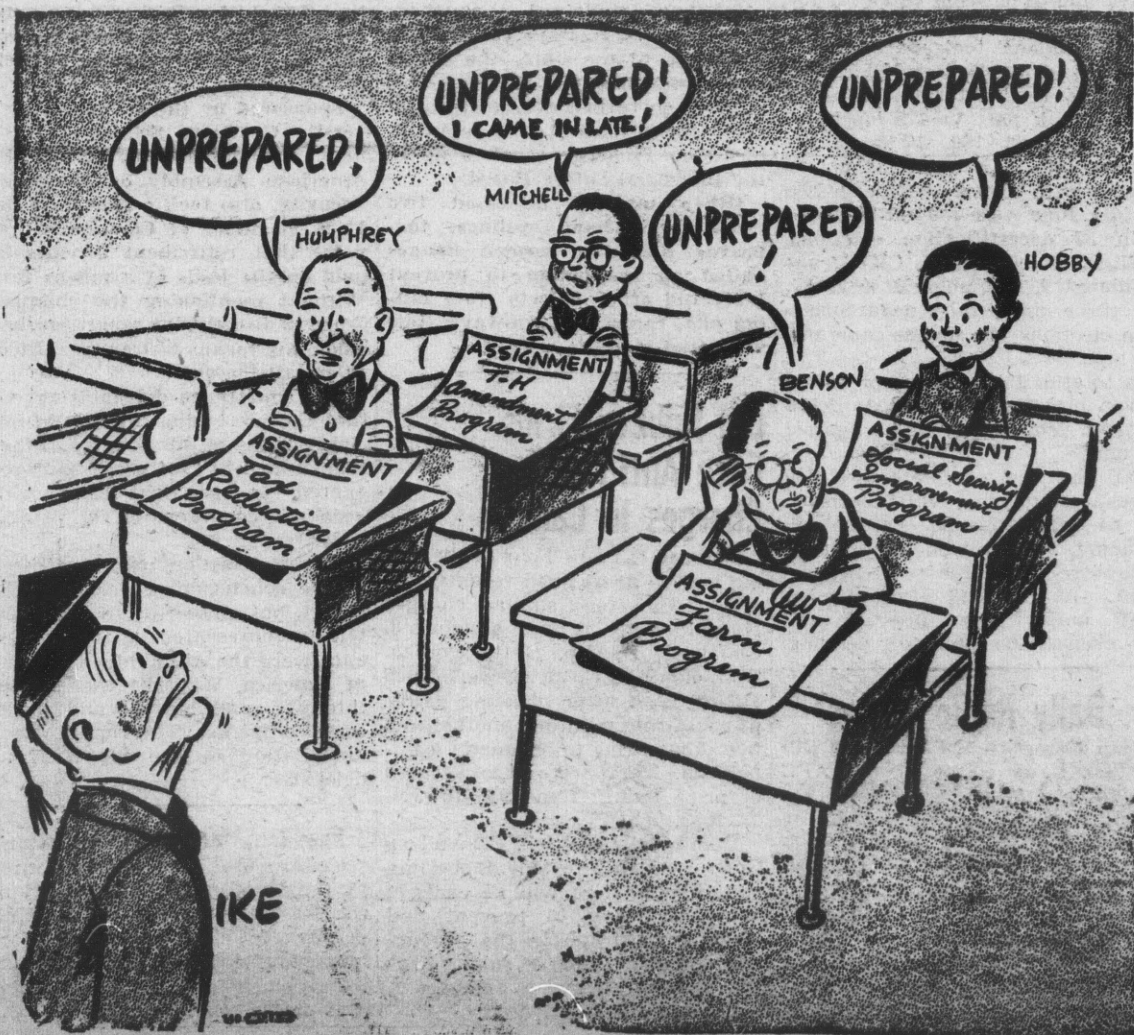
Catholic Group, Cuban Labor Back Strike of Sugar Cane Workers

Washington (LPA)—The Catholic Committee of the South has issued a strong statement, reflecting the official church position, which upholds striking sugar cane workers in their right to organize. H. L. Mitchell, president of the AFL National Agricultural Workers Union, disclosed October 20 in announcing widespread support for the strike of 1600 workers on Louisiana plantations.

The Cuban Federation of Labor and its powerful affiliates, the Sugar Workers Federation of Cuba, is preparing to embrace raw sugar shipped to cane refineries owned by two corporations whose field hands are on strike. Mitchell said a telegram has been received by the AFL stating "we await your instructions" on action the Cuban labor movement should take to demonstrate solidarity with the Louisiana strikers.

Your obligation to your union doesn't end with the payment of dues. Attend meetings and take part in union affairs!

Where's That 'Dynamic' Program



You Can't Fool All the People All of the Time

If the Republicans were in any doubt as to the meaning of the defeat of their candidate in a Wisconsin Congressional election some weeks ago, they are not now.

Since then it has become abundantly clear that the Wisconsin farmers and workers who voted the GOP out of office are only a few of millions of Americans who believed President Eisenhower's campaign promises of last fall.

From the Southern states this week comes rumbling of widespread dissatisfaction with the administration's farm policy—which is no policy at all. Georgia, according to Gov. Talmadge thinks the President is "going too slowly on the farm problem," which, for a conservative of Talmadge's stamp is quite an admission. Gov. Frank Clement of Tennessee reports general resentment at the administration's "failure to stand behind and promote" the Tennessee Valley Authority. From Oklahoma comes a report that President Eisenhower "would not win the state today."

And on top of all this, California GOP leaders, the most outspoken being Governor Knight,

agree that the party is "in trouble in Southern California."

Why is this?

Because President Eisenhower took dangerous liberties with the truth. He told the people of the south and mid-west that his administration would continue Federal stimulation so that farm prices would stay at last year's levels.

When the people of these largely agricultural states discovered that the administration having done practically nothing, prices of farm commodities dropped 18 per cent, they were very naturally furious. We do not think they will make the same mistake next year, when the nation will turn out to elect congressmen.

Sen. Morse to Wait For Voters to Correct 'Great Mistake' of '52

Washington (LPA)—Sen. Wayne Morse (Ind. Ore.) will not vote to upset Republican control of the Senate, he repeated October 13, on the heels of the appointment by Gov. Frank J. Lausche of Cleveland and Mayor Thomas A. Burke to the seat left vacant by the death of Senator Taft.

Burke is a Democrat, and his appointment means the Senate now has 48 Democrats, 47 Republicans, and one Independent-Morse. Morse will vote with the GOP on Senate organization, and thus Vice President Nixon will have the tie-breaking vote.

He put it this way October 13: "If I took advantage of the death of Taft by voting with the Democrats before the people have a chance in 1954 to review the great mistake they made in 1952, I would be guilty of an unethical political act." After 1954, if he still holds the balance of power, he will vote with the Democrats, Morse said.

In the 1954 campaign, Morse said, he would continue to support liberal Democratic candidates for the Senate because "it is of the utmost importance that Congress be returned to the people and taken away from Big Business control, which now dominates the Eisenhower Administration." Morse said that if asked, he would campaign for Kefauver of Tennessee, Murray of Montana, Neely of West Virginia, Douglas of Illinois and Lehman of New York. In Oregon, if the Democrats nominate a liberal, Morse will back the Democrat against his colleague, Sen. Guy M. Cordon. Morse will seek re-election in 1956 as an independent.

Calif. Factory Jobs Above Last Year

California manufacturing employment was down seasonally in October from September, but was 3½ per cent above a year ago, the State Department of Industrial Relations announced last week.

Manufacturing plants employed 1,104,300 wage and salary workers in October. This was the highest October level in the history of California except for October, 1943, the high period of World War II employment.

Seasonal contraction in fruit and vegetable canning, tin can manufacturing, and lumber were primarily responsible for a decline between September and October of 21,500.

Excluding these three seasonal industries there was a small increase in all other manufacturing industries combined.

Increased employment was reported by the automobile, aircraft, and chemical industries. The rise in the auto industry marked the first upswing since April of this year. Employment in aircraft plants hit a new postwar high and the chemical group rose to an all-time record.

High Court Backs IBEW In 13-Year Fight as Firm Faces \$45,000 Fine

Washington (LPA)—After defying the AFL International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, the National Labor Relations Board and the courts for more than 13 years in refusing to bargain with an IBEW local, the West Texas Utilities Co. faces the most severe penalties ever decreed in a labor relations case.

The Supreme Court rejected the company's appeal, leaving West Texas with the choice of bargaining with the union representing its transmission and distribution employees or paying fines totaling \$45,000. And if the utility fails to convince the U. S. Court of Appeals, which ordered the penalty last April, that it is bargaining in good faith within 30 days of the Supreme Court's recent ruling it will face an additional penalty of \$1000 a day plus \$500 a day against its president for any further delay.

There even may be additional penalties if the company continues its hardboiled attitude. The fines were ordered in a proceeding for "civil contempt of court," but a proceeding for "criminal contempt," held in abeyance, could be reopened.

Meanwhile, throughout the long litigation, the transmission and distribution workers remained loyal to the IBEW. Recently, employees in the production department voted that they, too, wanted to be represented by the union.

Barbers Aid Children

Phoenix, Ariz. (LPA)—The state's union barbers presented a check for \$10,747.37 to the Arizona Crippled Children's Society, at their annual picnic. The money came from one day's pay for every barber in the state.

Use gearshift lever as a parking brake when parking in snow areas. Wet emergency brake shoes.. may freeze to the drums if set in freezing climate.

Social Security Makes U.S. Stronger, Not 'Softer'

Harriman, N. Y. (LPA)—A sharp slap has been administered to the long-time business propaganda that social security, workmen's compensation and similar measures stifle individual initiative and are evidence of growing softness among Americans.

Spotlight on Safety: DIS Holds Conference in San Francisco

Two weeks ago, the Division of Industrial Safety (a branch of the Department of Industrial Relations) called one of its periodic meetings in San Francisco. Its purpose was the same as all previous meetings: to entertain suggested reforms in the state safety code, which, like any other set of rules, has to be kept up with the times.

Maryland First State To Provide Union Film For All High Schools

Annapolis, Md. (LPA)—Maryland became the first state in the nation to provide an AFL union film for use by its high schools when Dr. Thomas Pullen accepted "With These Hands" for the audiovisual library of the State Department of Education. The movie was presented to the department head by the Baltimore Joint Board of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

In an informal ceremony at luncheon in a Baltimore hotel, state and city AFL leaders joined with education department officials in citing the need for acquainting high school pupils with the facts about the contribution by trade unions to American history. They agreed that the ILGWU movie will help to fill the void in many textbooks and will bring home to tomorrow's workers and employers the importance of mutual understanding and cooperation in labor-management relations.

Making the film available to public high schools in all of Maryland's 23 counties came as part of a state education program sponsored by the Baltimore Federation of Labor and spurred by its executive secretary, Edward H. Johns.

Unions Win 884, Lose 584 Collective Bargaining Elections in Quarter

Washington (LPA)—Unions won 884 collective bargaining elections and lost 584 in the third quarter of 1953, the National Labor Relations Board reported Nov. 2. Of 138,860 eligible to vote, 115,454 cast valid votes, and 68 per cent voted for the union.

AFL unions took part in 932 elections, won 565, lost 341, results in 26 were indeterminate. CIO unions took part in 425 elections, won 219, lost 189, 17 were indeterminate. Unaffiliated unions took part in 158 elections, won 100, lost 54, four were indeterminate.

In 33 decertification elections, AFL affiliates won 11, CIO 3, unaffiliated 2, the union lost in 17. Of three union-shop deauthorization elections, the unions came out on top.

A total of 1524 charges of unfair labor practice were filed; 1,190 against employers, 324 against unions.

At the end of September 400 cases were pending NLRB decision, up 64 from June 30. Of the 400 pending, 147 involved unfair labor practices, an increase of 28 per cent. At the end of September 4295 unfair labor practice and representations cases were pending.

Daily Radio Shows

San Francisco (LPA)—With Bill Pedigo, news editor of the AFL Union Gazette, giving an assist, the Santa Clara County Central Labor Council went on the air over radio station KSJO starting Nov. 1 with two daily news programs, morning and night. Saturdays the council has the spot just before the Notre Dame football broadcast for two months and on Sundays the council sponsors two forum programs. 1937 and October 331, 1952.

October's meeting—which was attended by Al Mailloux for the San Francisco Building Trades Council, Ernest Aronson for the State Council of Carpenters, Roland Young for the District Council of Painters, James Porterfield for the Laborers, and some 20-odd representatives from northern building trades councils and construction unions, as well as employers' representatives—concentrated much attention on one facet of construction: scaffolding.

Some very interesting facts were turned up. It was revealed that contractors are increasingly turning to patent steel scaffolding, all of which is manufactured in the East. It has therefore become necessary to keep in close touch with the manufacturers to inform them of changes in California's very advanced safety code.

The code itself being pretty adequate in this state, most of the suggested improvements were concerned with fairly picayunish details: for example, the law states that all runways, without exception, must be cleated. But, as Mailloux pointed out, motor-propelled concrete buggies are coming to be commonplace these days, and these machines act up on cleated ramps.

Some of the points were argued. The old law provides that internal scaffolding for plasterers must be solid and continuous; but plasterers present informed the group that craftsmen in that trade prefer scaffolding with two-inch gaps between the planks so that debris may be removed from time to time.

Similarly, the law permits lathers to work on scaffolding consisting of a single 2x10 plank. There being no lather representatives at the meeting, it was decided to consult the industry, both craftsmen and employers, before altering the code in the direction of a larger platform.

Mailloux explained that these suggested reforms are collected in both ends of the state—the southern group has yet to meet this year—then turned over to the Department for coordination and codification. Final approval is up to the Industrial Safety Board.

Other matters discussed two weeks ago: hand railings, toeboards (i.e., the wooden flanges nailed on scaffolding to prevent tools and other objects from falling off), ramps and runways, stair wells and stairs.

Big Rubber Firms Face Anti-Trust Charges in Canada

Toronto (LPA)—Four of the five big rubber firms fined recently for price fixing face similar charges November 16, it was announced. Goodyear, Dunlop, Gutta Percha, Dominion and Goodrich were fined \$10,000 each after pleading guilty of conspiring with one another and five other firms to lessen the competition. They were also accused of price fixing from 1936 to Oct. 31, 1952.

Dominion, Goodrich, Dunlop Gutta Percha, Firestone, Sieberling and General Tire will be charged with conspiring to prevent and lessen competition in the production, sale and supply of rubber tires and tubes, between January 1, 1937 and October 331, 1952.

A report following a four-day conference here of representatives of business, labor, government, insurance and professional groups made the following conclusion:

"We believe that we are a stronger people—not a 'softer' people—because of the economic security developments of the past half-century. We see no reason for fear that the attainment of a reasonable standard of protection against the security exigencies will threaten any of the traditional American virtues—the will to work, the will to save, the disposition to deal generously with a needy neighbor. A security program, wisely conceived and fairly administered, can, indeed, provide the necessary economic foundation for high national morale and spiritual values."

Described by labor people as a "middle-of-the-road view toward our position," the report conceded that most individuals cannot save enough to provide their own security against economic hazards. It agreed that government action was a necessary addition to individual thrift and private plans in building the best economic security system.

Labor people at the conference were: from the AFL—Nelson Cruikshank, head of the Social Security department; Boris Shishkin, director of research; W. G. Flinn, grand lodge representative of the Machinists; and Mark Starr, education director of the Garment Workers; from the CIO—Frank Fernbach, associate director of research, and L. S. Buckmaster, president of the Rubber Workers.

The report called for a review and modernization of the unemployment compensation system and extension of Federal Old Age and Survivors Insurance to every gainfully-employed person, including the self-employed and professionals.

Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby, U. S. Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, said the Eisenhower Administration may ask Congress to extend Social Security even further than the 10,000,000 additional people recommended for coverage just before Congress adjourned. It is estimated that there are 5,000,000 more uncovered people not included in that recommendation.

Mrs. Hobby said it has become apparent to her that "the American people want more economic security," and that the present high rate of individual savings was proof that Social Security had not sapped the incentive of individuals to provide for their own future as well as they could.

Sponsored by the Columbia University Graduate School of Business, the conference, called the American Assembly on Economic Security, also took a smack at the U. S. Chamber of Commerce proposal that retirement benefits be paid on the basis of a means test. Without mentioning the chamber proposal directly, the report brushed aside any means test as "admittedly unsatisfactory."

The conference delegates agreed that the increasing interest in Social Security in this country, rather than a sign of "softness," is "warranted" in the light of changed economic conditions of the past 25 years.

No organization was committed to the conclusions reached in the report, but among the business interests represented at the conference were the Aluminum Company of America, Weyerhaeuser timber interests, and big oil and insurance companies. The report was a compilation of the views of all delegates.

Skeletons of three prehistoric "sea serpents" have been acquired by the Museum of Paleontology at the Berkeley campus of the University of California. The 30-foot mosasaurs comprise an important collection from the Upper Cretaceous of eastern Wyoming.

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Burkett Gives New Policies for Calif. Job Dept.

(Editor's Note: Following is a statement of policy issued on Nov. 16 by William A. Burkett, new director of the state department of employment.)

In taking office as Director of Employment, my firm purpose will be to carry out the broad policy announced by Governor Knight to restore public confidence in the Department of Employment.

To this end I propose to put into effect the following administrative program.

1. Added effort will be made to see that all legitimate claims for unemployment insurance are paid promptly and with a minimum of red tape.

2. Job placement will be given increased emphasis in the department. An unemployment insurance payment is no substitute for a job. Budgets will be revised as necessary to finance an intensified program of job finding.

3. There will be strict enforcement and administration of the Unemployment Insurance Act as the California Legislature wrote the law.

4. The Unemployment Insurance trust fund, which now exceeds \$800,000,000 must be protected at all costs, in the joint interest of the employer who contributed it and the unemployed worker who is entitled to receive it. It will be administered as a sound insurance program. Immediate efforts will be made to collect the approximately \$5,600,000 outstanding in delinquent employer accounts and also to recover overpayments of benefits which is established as of

this date at approximately \$850,000.

5. I will utilize the experience of the other four members of the California Employment Stabilization Commission to the fullest extent. I accept all the administrative responsibilities delegated to me by law, but I will rely upon the counsel and advice of all members of the Commission in developing the best possible program.

6. Constructive suggestions are solicited from labor, from employers and from the public at large, for the improvement of the administration of the department.

7. Full cooperation will be given the Legislature and committees such as the Fleury Interim Committee which has done such an excellent job in pointing out weaknesses in the Department of Employment.

8. Close liaison will be maintained with the Employment Security Administration in Washington.

9. We will insist upon strict economy in all operations. Unnecessary procedures, forms, manuals and reports burdening the claimant, employer and the department will be eliminated.

10. Honest, courteous and efficient treatment of the public will be the creed of the Department of Employment to the end that the department will have the confidence of the employee, the employer and the public alike.

—WILLIAM A. BURKETT
Director of Employment.

AFL Ins. Agents Approve No-Raid Pact With CIO

Washington (LPA)—The general executive board of the AFL Insurance Agents' Union has approved the no-raiding pact between the AFL and CIO, it was announced by President George L. Russ Nov. 10. The board decided that the IALA would "subscribe" to the pact after the CIO has approved the pact at its Cleveland convention.

The board also set up a preparedness program to deal with the negotiations with the Prudential Life Insurance Company early next year. The current Prudential contract, signed in February, 1952, after an 81-day strike, expires on March 1, 1954. The board also called on its 240 locals to affiliate with central labor bodies and state federations of labor.

Job Discrimination Still Rules South

(State Fed. Release)

Racial barriers to the advancement of Negroes in southern factories and just as great today as they were 15 years ago, according to the second in a series of studies being made by the National Planning Association on Negro employment in the nation.

The study just released covers Negro employment during 1950 and 1951 in Durham, N. C., in 16 tobacco manufacturing plants and 70 textile mills in the upper South, as well as employment in South Carolina factories between 1940 and 1950.

It was found that Negroes are barred completely from white-collar jobs in companies under white management, and that they seldom get a crack at supervisory positions.

Of the companies surveyed, only three employed Negroes as foremen; one other firm had Negro working foremen. On the other hand, a fairly large number of companies employed them as leadmen and straw bosses.

Hage-Hour Law Sends Cotton-Picking Tots Back to School

Birmingham (LPA)—About 500 school children in southeastern states have traded cotton picking sacks for school books under pressure from the inspectors of the Wage and Hour division of the U. S. Department of Labor, it was announced. More than 160 were reported in Alabama, 140 in Mississippi, 90 in South Carolina and 80 in Georgia cases.

The Wage-Hour Law states that when schools are open it is unlawful to work children under 16 years of age in agriculture except on farms owned by their parents. The fact that schools may be closed where the children come from is not controlling, if the schools are in session in the district where the child is working he must not be employed.

Some of the children are reported to be as young as 8 years old and many had never attended any school, according to James H. Ogle, Wage-Hour investigation supervisor here. Some of the children had been using sacks big enough to hold the child himself, it was reported.

Lumbermen Ask Even Tougher T-H

Washington (LPA)—The National Lumber Manufacturers Association wants the Taft-Hartley Act made even tougher. Its 54-member board of directors called on Congress to amend the law to give states greater power to regulate strikes and picketing, and declared T-H has brought "substantial progress toward industrial peace."

TEACHER'S NOTEBOOK

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS
LOCAL 1020
MONTEREY COUNTY

The Monterey County Teachers Union had an active past week. On Nov. 12 a Harvest Moon Dinner was held at the picnic grounds on Dr. Wiley Reeves' property on the Salinas-Monterey highway. Dr. Hirschberg, member of the Salinas High School Board, and Mrs. Hirschberg were among the honored guests at the party, reported greatly enjoyed by those attending. Social committee in charge of the successful event were: Don Hamburger, chairman; Esther Ingham, Virginia Gilbert, Ralph Huber, and Pete Borough.

On Nov. 17 at Hartnell College Library a former president of the national American Federation of Teachers, Dr. Jerome Davis, gave a lecture on the subject of "Can We Negotiate the Peace?" Everyone must realize this subject is one of the most important for the world today, said Mr. Davis. He warned that on all controversial subjects the responsible citizen must try to be critical but fair and make every effort to distinguish propaganda from plain facts.

On Nov. 27 and 28 the annual convention of the California Federation of Teachers will be held in Oakland. Attending as delegates from the local teacher union will be Janet Barber and the writer of this column.

Announcement was recently made that the Salinas High School Board favors playing high school football games in the afternoon rather than at night. The board's announced preference is popular with the teachers and is in line with teacher union aims.

FRED CLAYSON.

Pension Union Help

Newark, N. J. (LPA)—Louis P. Marcian, president of the New Jersey Federation of Labor, has named a Pension Commission to devise a pension system for Federation employees, whether elected or appointed.

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Labor News

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1953

Calif. AFL Backs Public Power, Hits Cross-Filing

(State Fed. Release)

San Francisco—Reaffirmation of labor's historic position regarding conservation of water resources and hydro-electric power generation featured major positions taken by the Executive Council of the California State Federation of Labor at its quarterly meeting held November 12-13 in Hollywood.

In other policy actions the state AFL body voted to:

(1) Support valid efforts to repeal cross filing and enact an FEPC law through means of the initiative;

(2) Intensify financial and moral support of the AFL Marine Cooks and Stewards in its west coast organizing drive;

(3) Sponsor quarterly week-end education conferences during 1954 on such matters as workmen's compensation, unemployment insurance, and disability insurance;

(4) Place 18 restaurants in the Redding area on the "We Don't Patronize" list of the state AFL organization, as well as the Southern Service Laundries Inc. of Southern California;

(5) Approve Labor's Daily, a daily labor paper published by the International Typographical Union of Charleston, West Virginia.

Support of the traditional labor policy in present water and power fights meant the AFL would continue to oppose efforts of the corporate farmers and private power interests to grab natural water and power resources and thereby deprive the consumer public of the benefits of the Central Valley Project.

The state AFL has consistently held that adequate water and power distribution can best be brought about by the Bureau of Reclamation through the development of integrated projects, such as the CVP, with the multiple purpose of flood control, irrigation and power generation.

The AFL has called for rigid adherence to the federal reclamation law, including the 160-acre limitation and the public power preference provision.

Private power lobbies in Washington have used the Eisenhower administration to cripple cheap public water and power developments despite outcries from farm, labor, and consumer groups.

Intensified support of the AFL Marine Cooks and Stewards organizing drive came as the Hugh Bryson led union in the same jurisdiction appeared ready for the junk

yard. Expelled from the CIO as a "Communist dominated" organization, the Bryson union neared oblivion this week as the International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's Union opened its own counter-drive headquarters in San Francisco. The ILWU was also expelled from the CIO on the Communist control issue.

The quarterly weekend education conferences set for 1954 will be sponsored exclusively by the State Federation and mark a serious expansion of the AFL education program in California.

Executive Council sessions were held in the headquarters of the Screen Actors Guild on Hollywood Boulevard. President Thomas L. Pitts presided during the two-day meeting.

18 REDDING CAFES ON "WE DON'T PATRONIZE"

Loop Inn Cafe, The Pantry, Fountain and Cafe, Towne's Coffee Shop, Lorenz Hotel, Golden Eagle Hotel, Temple Hotel, Western Hotel, A-1 Cafe, Bud's Donut Shop, Scotty's Drive In (Anderson), Rite Spot Cafe, Woolworth's (fountain), Don's Drive In, H. & M. Cafe (Anderson), Carl's Donut Shop, Casa Blanca Hotel, Shasta Maid, Golden Bird Cafe.

Wisconsin Man In Altmeyer Post

Washington (LPA)—President Eisenhower has appointed John William Tramburg Commissioner of Social Security, succeeding Arthur J. Altmeyer, who was forced out by the Republicans.

Tramburg, 40, a resident of Madison, Wis., has been director of the Wisconsin Department of Public Welfare since 1950, is chairman of the Council of State Public Assistance and Welfare Administrators, is a former teacher, and in 1939-41 was probation officer for the Juvenile Court of the District of Columbia.

Hear Frank Edwards!

Industrial 'Glass Jaw':

Scientists Urge U.S. to Give People Facts on Atomic War

A special issue of the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists appealed to the government to give the American people the facts on atomic war dangers.

Its guest editors gave their own version of what those facts would show—a grim picture of a nation almost totally unprepared for a sneak, mass attack by A-bomb-carrying enemy planes.

They purport to show that:

1. One hundred atomic bombs dropped on our 100 biggest cities likely would kill 19 million Americans.

2. With present and projected air defenses at least half of an enemy force would get through.

3. We have "an industrial glass jaw," in that two-fifths of the na-

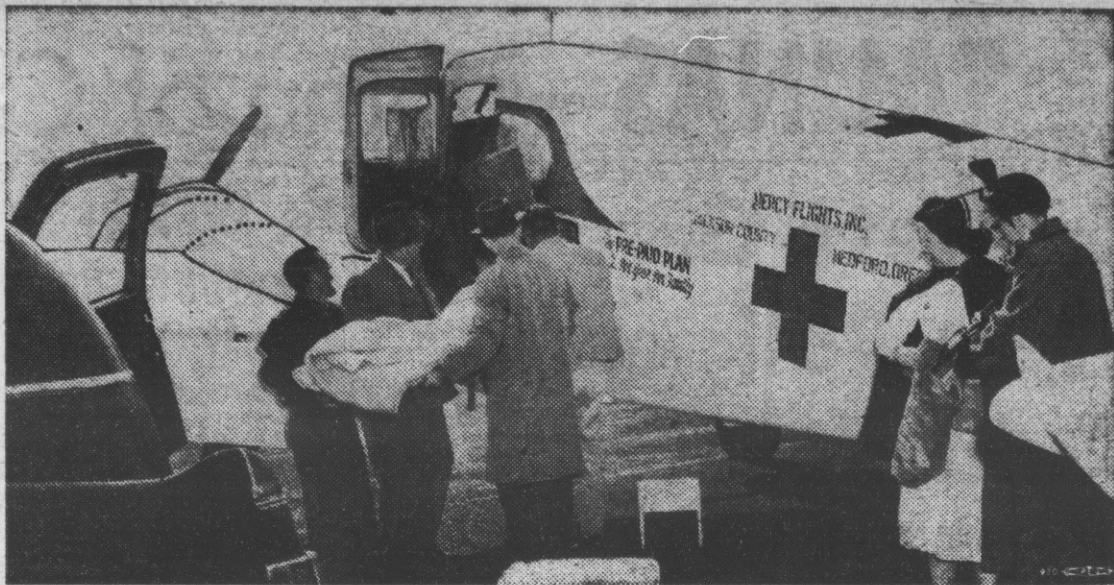
tion's industrial capacity is concentrated in 15 prime target areas.

4. The Russians now have capability of "bombing every major metropolitan industrial area in the United States."

5. An aerial blitz of United States probably would be staged across the North polar region.

6. Civil Defense experts feel that if United States is attacked it will be the sneak type, in tremendous force, and probably simultaneously on all the big cities.

7. Washington, though a non-industrial city, would be given a top priority in enemy attack plans because this city's devastation would give the enemy "tremendous psychological and propaganda advantages."



WINGED LIFESAVERS—Teamsters Local 962 of Medford, Ore., is an enthusiastic supporter of Mercy Flight, Inc., a non-profit organization which provides emergency air transportation for sick and injured subscribers to the plan. Local 962 member Al Clevon is one of the pilots for the project.—(LPA).

Legion Assails AMA for Stand on Veterans' Care

Portland, Ore. (LPA)—The American Legion has accused the American Medical Association of being mercenary in its opposition to government treatment of non-service connected disabilities of veterans.

Earl Chandler, a Legion field representative, charged the AMA leadership is interested only in "veterans who can pay for their care." The Legion and the AMA have worked closely together in the past in opposition to "socialized medicine," but now the AMA leadership has charged the present medical program of the Veterans Administration is an indication of "creeping socialism," and the AMA and Legion have parted.

AFL Wins in San Bernardino Election

(State Fed. Release)
AFL forces in San Bernardino County scored a significant victory this month in winning an NLRB representation election at the Basalt Rock Company, Inc.

The AFL Southern California District Council of Laborers pulled 68 votes to 15 for the United Steel Workers of America, CIO.

Twenty-nine votes were cast for "neither" organization. The "neither" designation on the ballot was championed by the United Mine Workers. The John L. Lewis union is not eligible for placement on any NLRB ballot because of failure of officers to sign the required non-Communist affidavit.

The Southern California District Council of Laborers carried out the successful organization campaign for Local 783, AFL Production and Maintenance Laborers. The District Council effort was directed by its representative, Lloyd Leiby.

Rally Hears Meany

Sacramento, Calif. (LPA)—Big feature of a rally in the Labor Center Oct. 27 was a rebroadcast, from a tape recording, of AFL President Meany's St. Louis convention address. Too, it served to further the campaign of Jimmie Hicks, editor of the Union Labor Bulletin, who was re-elected to the City Council.

Survey Debunks Business Credit For Productivity

New York (LPA)—American productivity is highest in the world, but not because the large amount of capital invested per worker, according to a survey by Stanford Research Institute. "Where identical capital equipment was used the foreign plant was found to employ two to three times as many employees as the American plant in attaining the same output," the survey showed. In short, the credit goes to American workers, not American capital.

Woman Best Fisherman

Oakland, Calif. (LPA)—Members of an IAM lodge here staged a Bass Derby, and Mrs. Marilyn Jackson of the IAM won first prize, an out-board motor, with a 24-pound catch. Second prize, \$75, went to Joan Lacey.

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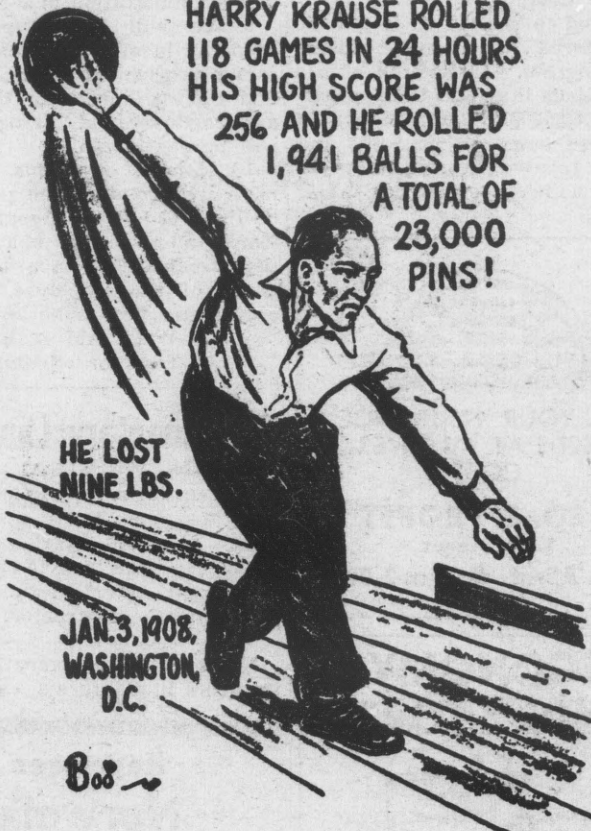
Phoenix, Ariz. (LPA)—First Amalgamated Clothing Workers local to be chartered in Arizona is Local 656, comprising workers in the Race Apparel Co., makers of denim and zipper coats. Organization began in February, the local won an NLRB election, and a contract followed.

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